



Dear colleague,

I am delighted to invite you to join the University of Sydney and our international partners at the third Sydney Summit gathering on Friday 29 September 2023.

The Sydney Summit is a collegial coming-together of our [university partners](#) from Asia, North America and Europe, and a chance to discuss contemporary challenges and opportunities for international universities. This year, we would like to extend the invitation to our Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) partners.

The theme of this year's event is 'Universities and the SDGs: a half-time report' where we will focus on something we are all striving to achieve: impact. We will look in particular at what progress universities have made in tackling the UN's Sustainable Development Goals halfway through their lifespan. What strategies have been effective, what successes can we report, and what more can we do to achieve impact by the target date of 2030?

The Sydney Summit III is open to other interested representatives from your institution. Please extend this invitation to your colleagues, including senior executives and researchers with expertise in the summit's thematic areas related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We are building up an exciting program of events that will include:

- Partnerships for the goals
- The impact of the SDGs on our approach to research
- The strategic value of partnerships and how to leverage them to tackle major global challenges
- What does a successful SDG project look like? How do we measure and communicate its impact?
- How to communicate impactful research aligned with the SDGs
- Measuring the impact of the SDGs
- Looking towards 2030

The program will feature speakers from our partner universities, and all participants will be encouraged to share best practice ideas from their own institutions.

**When and where****Thursday 28 September**

4:00–7:30 pm Welcome reception at [Taronga Zoo](#), Bradleys Head Rd, Mosman, Sydney (Optional)

Friday 29 September

10:00 am–4:00 pm Plenary sessions at the [Michael Spence Building](#) Auditorium, The University of Sydney

4:00–5:00 pm Campus tour (Optional)

5:00–6:00 pm Networking event at the [Holme Building](#), The University of Sydney (Optional)

Side meetings

Specific meetings with University of Sydney colleagues can be arranged on the morning of Thursday 28 September if you are not attending the THE World Academic Summit, or before 10 am on Friday 29 September (this is optional). Please let us know during registration if you would like to meet with colleagues from the University of Sydney as well as your availability and areas of interest.

Cost

This is a free event, although participants will need to arrange their own travel, transfers and accommodation. Advice on accommodation, transport and other issues can be obtained after registration.

Accommodation recommendation

We recommend the following hotel for your stay: [Four Points by Sheraton Sydney, Central Park](#). It is located just over 1km (an easy 15-minute walk) from the University of Sydney and centrally located in the city. If needed, you can take buses 430, 428, 426, 423 to the University of Sydney, City Road bus stop. Please kindly note that the University of Sydney has a corporate rate for our partners (AUD \$250 per night with the U7T special rate code).

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Please [register](#) online or record your [apologies](#) by Friday 11 August.

I look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Kind regards,

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